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DC Recycles!

...in Government Buildings

Our Recycling Program ...just got Better!



The Government Employee Recycling Program is expanding. By the end of the year most leased and owned government buildings will offer food and beverage container recycling.

The key to a successful food and beverage container recycling program is to remember that all bottles and cans must be clean and empty before they are placed into the recycling cart. Labels may be left on, but plastic caps and lids should be removed.

Recycling bottles and cans is easy! Simply look for the blue recycling carts strategically placed near vending machines and break rooms.

For more information about the DC Employee Recycling Program, contact the Office of Property Management (OPM) at (202) 671-0136, or by email at opm.recycling@dc.gov.

Did you know that...

The average employee consumes 2.5 cans of soda each day at work.

Does It Really Get Recycled?

When you first start to recycle, separating your paper and containers is not a "no brainer". You must think about it each time. Is it really worth the effort? Does the material really get recycled?



Recovered paper is the primary raw material for nearly all of the paper products manufactured by Sonoco.

The answer to both questions is YES! All recyclable materials collected from District-owned government buildings are taken to Paper Stock Dealers, Inc. (PSD), located in Bladensburg, Maryland. PSD is a subsidiary of Sonoco, one of the world's largest consumers of recovered paper. District government papers separated for recycling are aggregated at the PSD plant, and then sent to one of Sonoco's 30 processing plants across the country.

High-grade office paper is recycled back into the workplace as recycled copier



Some of the world's most recognizable brands use Sonoco products to fabricate their packaging.

paper. Corrugated containers, old newspapers and mixed paper are made into paperboard. Most of the paperboard at Sonoco mills is used to produce packing tubes, protective packaging cones, and other products.

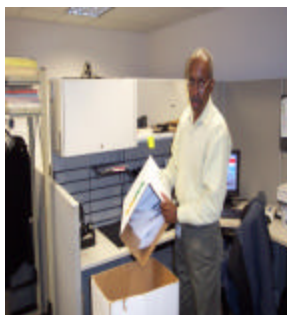
So if you've ever wondered if your paper gets recycled...it does!

Recycling At Work Doesn't Get Easier Than This...



Steps 1:

You collect paper and other recyclable materials at your desk.



Step 2:

When your desk side container is full, empty your recyclables into the clearly marked central collection area.

—That's all it takes.

Did you know that...

As part of the DC Employee Recycling Program you can recycle white and mixed office paper, newspapers, cardboard boxes, toner cartridges and bottles and cans?

Unsure What to Do With District Excess Property?

The District's Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), who heads the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP), develops and implements procurement procedures for the acquisition, use and disposal of goods and services used by the District government.



OCP's Personal Property Division (PPD) is responsible for facilitating the reuse, sale, or disposal of excess and surplus government property such as office furniture, computers, calculators, and other tangible items.

District personal property that you or your unit no longer need, should be reported as "excess" property to your

Agency Accountable Property Officer (APO). Your APO will complete and forward a Property Disposal Action (PDA) form to the PPD for disposition. For a current listing of APO's, please contact Ms. Diane Szego at (202) 576-6472 at the PPD office located at 2100 Adams Place, NE.

For more information about the procedures governing District government excess and surplus assets, visit OCP's intranet at www.ocp.in.dc.gov. Go to "Information"; click on "Personal Property Division" and follow this link to the "DC Excess and Surplus Property" section.

Uncommon Products Made From Trees



In the United States most paper is made from trees. Below, we have assembled a list of uncommon products made from cellulose, oils and resins, the natural wood chemicals which are by-products of the paper process:

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| ◇ Crayons | ◇ Concrete mix |
| ◇ Hair spray | ◇ Lipsticks and other cosmetics |
| ◇ Shaving cream | ◇ Paint, spray paint and varnish |
| ◇ Eyeglass frames | ◇ Shoe polish |
| ◇ Chewing gum | ◇ Suntan lotion |
| ◇ Fabric softener | ◇ Rayon clothing |
| ◇ Furniture polish | ◇ Sports helmets |
| ◇ Imitation leather | ◇ Can you think of any other? |
| ◇ Ink | |
| ◇ Roofing shingles | |
| ◇ Car wax | |



District Recycling Coordinators Corner



Picture Above: A group of Recycling Coordinators attend training at the Frank D. Reeves Center. Mr. William O. Howland, Jr., Public Works Director greeted the group and shared with them his high expectations about the DC Employee Recycling Program.

Next Recycling Coordinators meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 10 a.m. at 441 4th Street, NW, Room 1117.